A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) In order to provide greater facilities for the training of Mappilla teachers the Government have sanctioned in the current year the opening of an additional lower elementary training section in the Government Training School at Malappuram and also the admission of students into the higher elementary training class in the school annually instead of in alternate years as was the case hitherto. They do not consider that another training school is required at present.

Local Boards

Nomination of the President, Rajampet Taluk Board.

383 *Q.*—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for nominating a President for the Taluk Board of Rajampet, Cuddapah district, and for depriving the Board for the third time of the right of electing its President;

(*b*) the reasons for nominating the same person for the third time; and

(*c*) whether there are now any other taluk boards in the Presidency on whom the right of electing their presidents has not been conferred and, if so, which they are and for how long such right has not been conferred on them?

A.—(*a*) The Government were of opinion that local conditions did not justify the grant to the Rajampet Taluk Board of the privilege of electing its President.

(*b*) The Government considered it in the best interests of the taluk board to nominate as President one who had acquitted himself well in that capacity in previous terms.

(*c*) Yes. The Hospet and Harpanahalli Taluk Boards have nominated Presidents since 1st April 1925.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know with reference to answer (*a*), what are the local conditions that existed in the Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district, which induced the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government to deprive the taluk board for three terms of the privilege of electing its President?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Because it was brought to the notice of the Government that factious spirit was prevalent in the taluk."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know if the taluk board in question passed any resolution asking for the office of the president being thrown open to election?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"That is so, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know what exactly are the conditions under which the Government was satisfied that it was factious?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"On a report made by the Collector of the district."

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Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that there are inter-communal factions there ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The hon. Member is correct in his presumption and that is one of the reasons why the Government have nominated the president." 11-30 a.m.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any municipality in the Presidency where there is no factious spirit ? "

The hon. the President :—" We are now on the taluk boards."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" I mean taluk boards ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know when the taluk board asked for election of its president, whether the Collector's report was examined in the light of that request ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Collector's report was sent in connexion with the resolution of the taluk board."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know whether there is any taluk board in the Madras Presidency where there is no inter-communal factious spirit ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I want notice of that."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know the reasons why the taluk boards of Hospet and Harpanahalli have been deprived of the privilege of electing their presidents ? "

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member has to give notice of that question. It is not connected with this."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know, if there is so much factious spirit, why the Government should not order the dissolution of the board and throw it open for fresh election ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" If the Government thought that course would have been better, they would have taken that course. But they thought that that is not the thing to do at present."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister on what facts the Collector came to the conclusion that there was factious spirit in that particular taluk ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Collector's communication is confidential."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" I want to know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the policy of the Government, wherever inter-communal spirit prevails, to disenfranchise the concerned local boards ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The hon. Member is not correct in his presumption."

Municipal Councils

Electric installation in Tanjore municipality.

* 384 Q.—Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tanjore municipality has had any experience of carrying out electric schemes ;